

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
**CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION
OR ITS AGENTS**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
Case 07-CB-279492	Date Filed July 2, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. LABOR ORGANIZATION OR ITS AGENTS AGAINST WHICH CHARGE IS BROUGHT			
a. Name UFCW Local 951		b. Union Representative to contact Troy Faherty Title: Union Representative	
c. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 3270 Evergreen Drive NE MI Grand Rapids 49525		d. Tel. No. (800) 999-0951	e. Cell No.
		f. Fax No.	g. e-Mail troy.faherty@ufcwlocal951.com
h. The above-named organization(s) or its agents has (have) engaged in and is (are) engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(b), subsection(s) (list subsections) (1)(A) _____ of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.			
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) --See additional page--			
3. Name of Employer Meijer		4a. Tel. No. (616) 453-6711	b. Cell No.
		c. Fax No.	d. e-Mail tom.adams@meijer.com
5. Location of plant involved (street, city, state and ZIP code) 2929 Walker Avenue NW MI Grand Rapids 49544		6. Employer representative to contact Tom Adams Title: Manager	
7. Type of establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)	8. Identify principal product or service	9. Number of workers employed	
10. Full name of party filing charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		11a. Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	b. Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
		c. Fax No.	d. e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
11. Address of party filing charge (street, city, state and ZIP code.) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
12. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) By _____ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (signature of representative or person making charge) (Print/type name and title or office, if any) Title: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Address _____ (date) 07/02/2021 05:38:52 PM		Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Fax No. e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

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Basis of the Charge

8(b)(1)(A)

Within the previous six months, the above-named labor organization has restrained and coerced employees in the exercise of rights protected by Section 7 of the Act by refusing to process the Charging Party's grievance for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons or in bad faith.



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July 7, 2021

Troy Flaherty
Local 951, United Food and Commercial Workers
International Union (UFCW), AFL-CIO
3270 Evergreen Dr NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Re: Local 951, United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union (UFCW),
AFL-CIO (Meijer, Inc.)
Case 07-CB-279492

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

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Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Examiner Michael D. Madden whose telephone number is (616)930-9173. The mailing address is 110 Michigan St NW Ste 299, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2313. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Resident Officer Colleen J. Carol whose telephone number is (616)930-9161.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your

representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Terry" and last name "Morgan" clearly distinguishable.

TERRY MORGAN
Regional Director

Enclosure: Copy of Charge

cc: Johnathan D. Karmel, Esq.
The Karmel Law Firm
221 N La Salle St
Ste 1550
Chicago, IL 60601-1224

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

UFCW LOCAL 951

Charged Party

and

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Charging Party

Case 07-CB-279492

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on July 7, 2021, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

Troy Flaherty
Local 951, United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union (UFCW), AFL-
CIO
3270 Evergreen Dr NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Johnathan D. Karmel, Esq.
The Karmel Law Firm
221 N La Salle St
Ste 1550
Chicago, IL 60601-1224

July 7, 2021

Date

Ann O'Neal-Jones, Designated Agent of
NLRB

Name
/s/

Signature



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Presentation of Your Evidence: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you

fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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Thomas M. Miller, Esq.
Meijer, Inc.
2929 Walker Avenue, NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

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TERRY MORGAN
Regional Director

Enclosures

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER 07-CB-279492
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1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION OR FORMATION	B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES
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4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:

7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

	YES	NO
A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value. \$ _____		
B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____		
C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.		
I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____		

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TEL. NUMBER
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12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)	SIGNATURE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE
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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

and

Meijer Stores Limited Partnership

CASE 07-CB-279492

☒ REGIONAL DIRECTOR

☐ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

☐ GENERAL COUNSEL
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF _____

Meijer Stores Limited Partnership

IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:

☒ REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY

☒ IF REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY MAY RECEIVE COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE PARTY WILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SEC. 11842.3 OF THE CASEHANDLING MANUAL.

(REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION)

NAME: Yvonne

MAILING ADDRESS: 2929 Walker NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Yvonne.Owens@meijer.com

OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 616-735-7406

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX: _____

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: (Please sign in ink.) July 19, 2021

¹ IF CASE IS PENDING IN WASHINGTON AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE IS SENT TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL OR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE REGION IN WHICH THE CASE WAS FILED SO THAT THOSE RECORDS WILL REFLECT THE APPEARANCE.



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September 8, 2021

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AFL-CIO (Meijer, Inc.)
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

We have carefully investigated and considered your charge that Local 951, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), AFL-CIO has violated the National Labor Relations Act.

Decision to Dismiss: Based on that investigation, I have decided to dismiss your charge for the reasons discussed below.

You allege that within the previous six months, the Charged Union restrained and coerced you in the exercise of you Section 7 rights by failing or refusing process your grievance, in violation of Section 8(b)(1)(A) of the Act.

The investigation revealed that you were suspended and subsequently terminated for events that occurred on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), 2020 at the Meijer Warehouse parking lot in Newport, Michigan.

The investigation revealed that the Union undertook an investigation into the events that led to your discharge, filed and processed a grievance on your behalf, and provided you with information from your grievance file upon request. The investigation further demonstrated that the Union remained in regular contact with you about the grievance proceedings including times and dates of meetings with other union officials and with management.

A Union is accorded broad discretion under the Act in the disposition of workplace disputes, so long as its decisions are not arbitrary, discriminatory, or otherwise unlawfully motivated. Here, the evidence was insufficient to demonstrate that the Union's conduct was based on any arbitrary, discriminatory, invidious, or otherwise unlawful considerations. Accordingly, further proceedings on your charge are unwarranted.

Charging Party's Right to Appeal: The Charging Party may appeal my decision to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, through the Office of Appeals.

Means of Filing: You must file your appeal electronically or provide a written statement explaining why electronic submission is not possible or feasible (Written

instructions for the NLRB's E-Filing system and the Terms and Conditions of the NLRB's E-Filing policy are available at www.nlr.gov. See [User Guide](#). A video demonstration which provides [step-by-step instructions](#) and frequently asked questions are also available at www.nlr.gov. If you require additional assistance with E-Filing, please contact E-Filing@nlrb.gov.

You are encouraged to also submit a complete statement of the facts and reasons why you believe my decision was incorrect. If you cannot file electronically, please send the appeal and your written explanation of why you cannot file electronically to the **General Counsel** at the **National Labor Relations Board, Attn: Office of Appeals, 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC 20570-0001**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the appeal should also be sent to me.

The appeal MAY NOT be filed by fax or email. The Office of Appeals will not process faxed or emailed appeals.

Appeal Due Date: The appeal is due on **September 22, 2021**. If the appeal is filed electronically, the transmission of the entire document through the Agency's website must be completed **no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** on the due date. If filing by mail or by delivery service an appeal will be found to be timely filed if it is postmarked or given to a delivery service no later than September 21, 2021. **If an appeal is postmarked or given to a delivery service on the due date, it will be rejected as untimely.** If hand delivered, an appeal must be received by the General Counsel in Washington D.C. by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the appeal due date. If an appeal is not submitted in accordance with this paragraph, it will be rejected.

Extension of Time to File Appeal: The General Counsel may allow additional time to file the appeal if the Charging Party provides a good reason for doing so and the request for an extension of time is **received on or before September 22, 2021**. The request may be filed electronically through the *E-File Documents* link on our website www.nlr.gov, by fax to (202)273-4283, by mail, or by delivery service. The General Counsel will not consider any request for an extension of time to file an appeal received after September 22, 2021, **even if it is postmarked or given to the delivery service before the due date**. Unless filed electronically, a copy of the extension of time should also be sent to me.

Confidentiality: We will not honor requests to limit our use of appeal statements or evidence. Upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by a party during the processing of an appeal, the Agency's FOIA Branch discloses appeal statements, redacted for personal privacy, confidential source protection, or other applicable FOIA exemptions. In the

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Very truly yours,

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Dennis R. Boren
Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

APPEAL FORM

To: General Counsel
Attn: Office of Appeals
National Labor Relations Board
1015 Half Street SE
Washington, DC 20570-0001

Date:

Please be advised that an appeal is hereby taken to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board from the action of the Regional Director in refusing to issue a complaint on the charge in

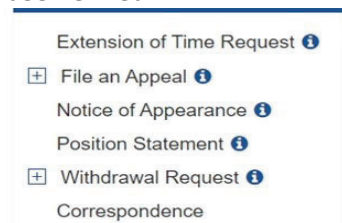
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(Signature)

E-FILING TO APPEALS

1. **Extension of Time:** This document is used when the Charging Party is asking for more time to efile an Appeal.
 - If an Extension of Time is e-filed, and there are additional documents to be e-filed simultaneously with it, please e-file those documents under the selection **Correspondence**.
 - After an Extension of Time has already been e-filed, any **additional** materials to add to the Extension of Time should be e-filed under **Correspondence**.
2. **File an Appeal:** If the Charging Party does not agree with the Region's decision on the case, an Appeal can be e-filed.
 - Only **one (1) Appeal** can be e-filed to **each** determination in the Region's decision letter that is received.
 - After an Appeal has been e-filed, any **additional** materials to add to the Appeal should be e-filed under **Correspondence**.
3. **Notice of Appearance:** Either party can e-file a Notice of Appearance if there is a new counsel representing one side or a different counsel.
 - This document is only e-filed with the Office of Appeals after a decision has been made by the Region.
 - This document can be e-filed **before** an Appeal is e-filed.
4. **Correspondence:** Parties will **select** Correspondence when adding documents or supplementing the Appeal or Extension of Time.
 - Correspondence is used to e-file documents **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal or Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.
5. **Position Statement:** The Charging Party or Charged Party may e-file a Position Statement.
 - The Charging Party will e-file this document as a supplement of the Appeal.
 - The Charged Party will specifically file one to support the Region's decision.
 - This document should be e-filed **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal or Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.
6. **Withdrawal Request:** If the Charging Party decides to no longer pursue their appeal, he/she can e-file a Withdrawal Request to the Office of Appeals.
 - This document should be e-Filed **after** an **Extension of Time, Appeal or Notice of Appearance** has been e-filed.



7. The selections of **Evidence** or **Other** should no longer be used.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
Washington, DC 20570

October 8, 2021

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Re: Local 951, United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union (UFCW),
AFL-CIO (Meijer, Inc.)
Case 07-CB-279492

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

Your appeal from the Acting Regional Director's refusal to issue complaint has been carefully considered. The appeal is denied substantially for the reasons in the Acting Regional Director's letter of September 8, 2021.

The charge alleges that the Union breached its duty of fair representation by refusing to process your grievance, in violation of Section 8(b)(1)(A) of the National Labor Relations Act. While a union owes employees a duty of fair representation over disputes arising with an employer, a union is also afforded a wide range of reasonableness in carrying out this duty and a breach occurs only when the union's conduct is based upon arbitrary, irrelevant or discriminatory considerations. See *Vaca v. Sipes*, 386 U.S. 171 (1967); *Ford Motor Co. v. Huffman*, 345 U.S. 330 (1953). Moreover, the Board affords unions a wide range of discretion in making tactical decisions regarding grievances. The union's exercise of that discretion will not be viewed as unlawfully undermining a grievant's position. *UAW Local 122 (Chrysler Corporation)*, 239 NLRB 1108, 1113-1114 (1978); *Truck Drivers, Oil Drivers, Local 705 (Associated Transport)*, 209 NLRB 292 (1974).

The Regional Office investigation failed to disclose that the Union's handling of your grievance relied upon any unlawful considerations. Rather, the evidence indicated that the Union investigated the basis of your complaint, filed a grievance, and met with the Employer on your behalf at a Step 2 meeting. The Union decided not to process your grievance based on its good faith belief that it would not be successful. To the extent you may assert that the Union failed to obtain some third-party evidence during its investigation, the evidence indicates that the Union obtained the contents of the investigation file from the Employer. Absent evidence that the Union handled your grievance in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner, we cannot conclude the Union breached its duty of fair representation.

Accordingly, the appeal is denied.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Abruzzo
General Counsel



By:

Mark E. Arbesfeld, Director
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
**CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION
OR ITS AGENTS**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
Case 07-CB-281435	Date Filed August 16, 2021

INSTRUCTIONS: File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. LABOR ORGANIZATION OR ITS AGENTS AGAINST WHICH CHARGE IS BROUGHT			
a. Name UFCW Local 951		b. Union Representative to contact Troy Flaherty Title: Union Representative	
c. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 3270 Evergreen Drive NE MI Grand Rapids 49525		d. Tel. No. (800) 999-0951	e. Cell No.
		f. Fax No.	g. e-Mail troy.flaherty@ufcwlocal951.com
h. The above-named organization(s) or its agents has (have) engaged in and is (are) engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(b), subsection(s) (list subsections) (1)(A) _____ of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.			
2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices) --See additional page--			
3. Name of Employer Meijer		4a. Tel. No. (616) 453-6711	b. Cell No.
		c. Fax No.	d. e-Mail ronald.klein@meijer.com
5. Location of plant involved (street, city, state and ZIP code) 2929 Walker Avenue NW MI Grand Rapids 49544			6. Employer representative to contact Ron Klein Title: Manager
7. Type of establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)	8. Identify principal product or service	9. Number of workers employed	
10. Full name of party filing charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		11a. Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	b. Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
		c. Fax No.	d. e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
11. Address of party filing charge (street, city, state and ZIP code.) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
12. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. By _____ (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (signature of representative or person making charge) (Print/type name and title or office, if any) Title: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Address _____ (date) 08/16/2021 07:29:58 PM			
		Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
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		Fax No.	
		e-Mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

Basis of the Charge

8(b)(1)(A)

Within the previous six months, the above-named labor organization has restrained and coerced employees in the exercise of rights protected by Section 7 of the Act by refusing to process the Charging Party's grievance for arbitrary or discriminatory reasons or in bad faith.

Additional Information in Support of Charge

Charging Party Name : (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Inquiry Number : (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Date Submitted : 08/16/2021 07:29:58 PM

Please provide a brief description of the specific conduct involved in your charge. The information you provide may be viewed by the charged party in the event of a formal proceeding, so PLEASE DO NOT GIVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF YOUR CHARGE OR A LIST OF POTENTIAL WITNESSES AT THIS TIME. A Board Agent will contact you to obtain this and other detailed information after your charge is docketed. After you submit this E-Filed Charge form, you will receive a confirmation email with an Inquiry Number (Sample Inquiry Number: 1-1234567890) and a link to the E-Filing web page. You may use the link and the Inquiry number provided in the email to e-file any additional documents you wish to present in support of your charge.

Additional Information Provided:

Concerning existing NLRB Complaint Case No. 07-CB-279492, union (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), after receiving multiple email requests from charging party (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)), have repeatedly declined to provide charging party (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)) with all documentation concerning (b) (6) separation from Meijer in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2020 including but not limited to the statements of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) as alluded to in the union's audio meeting with charging party on July 30, 2021 and all other policies prohibiting charging party from taking receipt of said disciplinary documentation.



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August 17, 2021

Troy Flaherty
Local 951, United Food and Commercial Workers
International Union (UFCW), AFL-CIO
3270 Evergreen Dr NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Re: Local 951, United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union (UFCW),
AFL-CIO, CLC (Meijer, Inc.)
Case 07-CB-281435

Dear Mr. Flaherty:

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Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney Steven E. Carlson whose telephone number is (616)930-9160. The mailing address is 110 Michigan St NW Ste 299, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2313. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Resident Officer Colleen J. Carol whose telephone number is (616)930-9161.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your

representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis R. Boren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dennis" being the most prominent part.

Dennis R. Boren
Acting Regional Director

Enclosure: Copy of Charge

cc: Jonathan D. Karmel, Esq.
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

**LOCAL 951, UNITED FOOD AND
COMMERCIAL WORKERS INTERNATIONAL
UNION (UFCW), AFL-CIO, CLC (MEIJER, INC.)**

Charged Party

and

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Charging Party

Case 07-CB-281435

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST LABOR ORGANIZATION

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on August 17, 2021, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

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3270 Evergreen Dr NE
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Date

Ann O'Neal-Jones, Designated Agent of
NLRB

Name
/s/

Signature



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DENNIS R. BOREN
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If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge. If you cannot e-file your documents, you must provide a statement explaining why you do not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden.

August 17, 2021

In addition, this Region will be issuing case-related correspondence and documents, including complaints, compliance specifications, dismissal letters, deferral letters, and withdrawal letters, electronically to the email address you provide. Please ensure that you receive important case-related correspondence, please ensure that the Board Agent assigned to your case has your preferred email address. These steps will ensure that you receive correspondence faster and at a significantly lower cost to the taxpayer. If there is some reason you are unable to receive correspondence via email, please contact the agent assigned to your case to discuss the circumstances that prevent you from using email.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis R. Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis R. Boren
Acting Regional Director

Enclosures

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER 07-CB-281435
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1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)**2. TYPE OF ENTITY**☐ CORPORATION ☐ LLC ☐ LLP ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP ☐ OTHER (Specify)**3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC**

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION OR FORMATION	B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES
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4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS**5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR****6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).****7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:****7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:****8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED**

A. TOTAL:

B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): ☐ CALENDAR ☐ 12 MONTHS or ☐ FISCAL YEAR (FY DATES _____)

	YES	NO
A. Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value. \$ _____		
B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$ _____		
C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
D. Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
E. If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
F. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
G. Did you purchase and receive goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$ _____		
H. Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 or more If less than \$100,000, indicate amount.		
I. Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date: _____		

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?☐ YES ☐ NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).**11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS**

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TEL. NUMBER
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12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)	SIGNATURE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE
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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing representation and/or unfair labor practice proceedings and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary. However, failure to supply the information may cause the NLRB to refuse to process any further a representation or unfair labor practice case, or may cause the NLRB to issue you a subpoena and seek enforcement of the subpoena in federal court.



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August 25, 2021

Jonathan D. Karmel, Esq.
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Re: Local 951, United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union (UFCW),
AFL-CIO, CLC (Meijer, Inc.)
Case 07-CB-281435

Dear Mr. Karmel:

This is to advise you that I have approved the withdrawal of the charge in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

Dennis R. Boren
Acting Regional Director

cc: Troy Flaherty
Local 951, United Food and Commercial
Workers International Union (UFCW),
AFL-CIO
3270 Evergreen Dr NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

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and

Meijer Stores Limited Partnership

CASE 07-CB-279492

☒ REGIONAL DIRECTOR

☐ EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
Washington, DC 20570

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
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THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ENTERS APPEARANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF _____

Meijer Stores Limited Partnership

IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) BELOW:

☒ REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY

☒ IF REPRESENTATIVE IS AN ATTORNEY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY MAY RECEIVE COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE AGENCY IN ADDITION TO THOSE DESCRIBED BELOW, THIS BOX MUST BE CHECKED. IF THIS BOX IS NOT CHECKED, THE PARTY WILL RECEIVE ONLY COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS SUCH AS CHARGES, PETITIONS AND FORMAL DOCUMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN SEC. 11842.3 OF THE CASEHANDLING MANUAL.

(REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION)


NAME: Yvonne

MAILING ADDRESS: 2929 Walker NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Yvonne.Owens@meijer.com

OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER: 616-735-7406

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX: _____

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: (Please sign in ink.) August 27, 2021

¹ IF CASE IS PENDING IN WASHINGTON AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE IS SENT TO THE GENERAL COUNSEL OR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, A COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE REGION IN WHICH THE CASE WAS FILED SO THAT THOSE RECORDS WILL REFLECT THE APPEARANCE.